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2.  Deputy Director of Security, discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick and myself the second letter received from former Senator Gillette, now Counsel to the Subcommittee on Government Employees Security Program of the Senate Post Office & Civil Service Committee, in order that we may prepare an appropriate reply. The Subcommittee consists of Chairman Johnston (D., S. Car.), Senator Neely (D., W. Va.), and Senator Frank Carlson (R., Kans.). It was considered advisable to seek the Director's views as to whether he knew Senator Gillette well enough to approach him directly, or whether the DCI thought perhaps he should call Sen. Carlson to seek advice on how best to keep CIA security procedures out of the Committee hearings. We will also be unable to furnish the Subcommittee with a list of names and backgrounds of all of our security officers in view of our statutory prohibition in this field.

3. The Senate has passed a bill to raise per diem allowances for Government employees from a maximum of \$9.00 a day to a maximum of \$12.00 a day. The Administration proposal, as reported out by the Senate Committee on Post Office & Civil Service, called for a maximum of \$13.00 a day. However, the Majority Leader, Senator Johnson of Texas moved to have this reduced to \$12.00 because of the belief of Sen. Russell and himself that there should be a uniform per diem allowance, and the recently passed military pay bill authorized \$12.00 a day for military personnel.

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4. The DCI, accompanied by Mr. Amory, Dr. Chadwell and briefed the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on the status of foreign atomic developments. The briefing was reported to have been very successful.

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